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Mariborski Otok

1. This station is now operating with a turbo-generator unit of 18,000 Kw. capacity which was installed at the end of 1948. Two new units of 18,000 Kw. capacity each are to be installed bringing the total capacity of the station to 54,000 Kw. The two new turbines have been ordered from a firm in Western Germany and the new generators are being made at the RadeKKoncar factory in Zagreb. French engineers are assisting in the operation and installation of this station.

Moste

2. Work is proceeding on the construction of the hydroelectric power plant at Moste on the Sava River. The four turbines for this plant were originally to have been supplied in 1949 by a firm in the Soviet Zone of Austria, but delivery was stopped by the Soviet authorities following the Cominform dispute.
3. The first two turbines are expected to be installed and in operation by April 1951, and all constructional work is to be completed by that date. The turbines will be located in underground chambers at a distance of about 800 meters from the dam on the Sava River and 60 meters below the level of the river bed. Water will be fed through a tunnel from the reservoir to the turbines, each of which will have a capacity of 20 c.m. of water per second.
4. Approximately 500 laborers are employed on the project. Swiss engineers have been employed to correct faults in the limestone strata in the dam area by driving in cement to prevent any loss of water.
5. The General Directorate for Electro-Economy in Belgrade has received numerous bids for hydroelectric power station equipment from firms in the United States, Belgium and Western Germany. No orders can be placed with United States firms at present because of the dollar shortage and as a result as much equipment as possible will be obtained from Western Germany. The General Directorate has been pressing the Government for permission to obtain more of its equipment abroad as the quality of equipment produced in Yugoslavia is very poor and constantly breaking down.

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